

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
February 8, 2011**

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by co-chair, Julie Sabin. Those present from the Committee were:

Julie Sabin	Jocelyn Mullen	Biz Collins
Mark Williams	Keith Dickerson	Craig Roberts
Doug Conant		

Also present were Josh Wussick (running for City Council) and Michele Rohrbach. Did introductions around room for Josh and then let him give brief of what he does and his candidacy for City Council at large.

Approval of Minutes – Keith/Biz. Motion Passed.

Announcements – Doug Conant to attend RFC meeting on February 15th.
RFC office will be closed on 2/21.
Looking for location for social – get ideas to Michele.

Old Business –

Trail signage – Jocelyn sent out email to core group to get a date to meet. Need to determine what it is the group wants to accomplish. Discussed that the RFC members thought that the group was looking at trailhead signs rather than mileage/destination signage.

GVRTC – Julie said she has already talked about what Ken had told her and that he will give the presentation next month.

Grand Valley Bikes – Reiterated about the grant and just waiting to hear. Working on getting board up and going. Had a meeting at Browns Cycles and group worked on their bikes. Worst Day of the Year – February 27th ends at Dos Hombres.

UTC Master Trail Plan – Julie would really like to get a committee together to work on the updates for the UTC Master Plan. Jocelyn asked if group could just do a work session to work on the map. Biz second. Will probably do in April, maybe bring in pizza and plan on staying until 7:00pm.

RFC update – working on updating website and looking for photos. Hope to have new website on line on March.

Blue Heron trail – discussed bank erosion.

Frank Watt gave update on reservoir managers releasing high water during peak runoff.

Retreat was talked about with possible topics being ongoing maintenance.

New sections of trail will be floodable.

Jocelyn asked about the concert series. Michele said nothing to report yet but will let them know as soon as she knows.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Ken was unable to attend tonight but is on the March agenda and will have a presentation. He'll also bring the UTC Master Trail Plan for updating.

Mark said he spoke with Tim Leon, Risk Manager for School District 51. Mark has been working with him for the walk/bike to work week. Tim told Mark about the trailer the City has filled with donated bicycles. The City now is charging organizations for the GJPD officers' time for them to participate in the bicycle awareness week. This new fee is causing a problem for the school district for the event scheduled in March. Mark wants to know what the UTC wants him to do.

Julie talked about the safe routes to school grant that GVB has applied for. She said while at the bicycle summit in Denver today and CDOT representative told her that the grant for the GVB is really strong because the Western Slope hasn't received the funding like the Front Range. She talked about the problems getting the buy in from the teachers because of the tight curriculum. She added that ? from Fort Collins is working on a curriculum for bicycling safely to school. Michele asked what the \$ needed. Mark asked if she could go to the RFF – she said she'd need a letter for amount needed. Group asked if it needed to a week long event, could it be a one day event. Members are concerned about the time for the event during work hours. Julie talked about concern of kids that must ride the bus and how they can't compete for the prizes.

Public Comment – Julie talked about bicycle summit she attended today and what she heard, saw and learned. Very interesting statistics and ideas. Lots of great ideas coming from Europe. She will try and get her notes into some order and then get them to the group.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.